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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH GA: SYG PRESS REMARKS JULY 10, 1973

SYG MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ON KOREA AT UN CORRESPONDENTS  
ASSOCIATION LUNCH JULY 10.

QUOTE

Q: IN LIGHT OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING BOTH KOREAS  
AND SUBCONTINENT, WHAT IS YOUR EVALUATION OF CHANCES OF  
THOSE THREE COUNTRIES BECOMING MEMBERS OF UN IN THE FALL.

SYG: AS YOU ARE FULLY AWARE, NORTH KOREA HAS REQUESTED  
OBSERVER STATUS AT UN HEADQUARTERS. WE HAVE GIVEN A  
POSITIVE ANSWER. I HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH US AUTHO-  
RITIES, BECAUSE THAT ALSO INVOLVES QUESTION OF GRANTING  
A VISA. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THAT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE  
ANY PROBLEM. IN THE MEANTIME I RECEIVED CABLE FROM FONMIN  
OF NORTH KOREA THANKING ME FOR POSITIVE ANSWER, BUT I HAVE  
NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF OBSERVER WHO WILL BE SENT TO NEW  
YORK. IN FACT, I CAN INFORM YOU THAT ALSO IN GENEVA  
NO OBSERVER HAS YET BEEN NAMED. WE ARE WAITING FOR  
FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS.

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WITH RESPECT TO ADMISSION OF DIVIDED COUNTRIES,  
YOU KNOW THAT NORTH KOREA HAS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THE  
TWO COUNTRIES--NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA--SHOULD NOT BE  
ADMITTED SEPARATELY, BUT AS A UNIFIED COUNTRY. THEREFORE,  
WE SHALL HAVE TO SEE HOW THINGS DEVELOP FURTHER.

Q: I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE KOREAN QUESTION. DO YOU  
THINK IT WILL BE CONDUCTIVE TO EASING TENSIONS IN EAST  
ASIA AS WELL AS IN KOREAN PENINSULA IF AND WHEN SOUTH AND  
NORTH KOREA ARE ADMITTED TO UNITED NATIONS?

SYG: IN THE INTEREST OF UNIVERSALITY OF UN I WOULD  
WELCOME ENTRY THOSE COUNTRIES INTO UN. OF COURSE IT IS  
UP TO THEM TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WANT TO BE ADMITTED  
SEPARATELY OR AS A UNIFIED STATE. THERE ARE BILATERAL  
NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY. I CAN ONLY EXPRESS HOPE THAT  
THESE TALKS WILL PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULTS. IT IS NOT UP  
TO US TO DECIDE ON QUESTION HOW THEY SHOULD JOIN UN: AS  
AS UNIFIED COUNTRY OR AS TWO SEPARATE ENTITIES.

Q: IN REGARD TO KOREA, THERE HAS BEEN SOME TALK ABOUT  
DESIRABILITY OF TWO KOREAS BECOMING MEMBERS. YOU HAVE  
POINTED OUT SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES. MY QUESTION IS:  
DO YOU NOT THINK THAT IT IS HIGH TIME SOMETHING WAS DONE  
TO TERMINATE UN PRESENCE THERE--I MIGHT EVEN SAY ANOMALY  
OF UN PRESENCE? WOULD IT NOT HELP THE PROCESS OF THESE  
TWO COUNTRIES BECOMING MEMBERS, AND UNIFICATION?

SYG: IT IS UP TO THE GA TO DECIDE THIS QUESTION. I  
HAVE IMPRESSION THAT HERE, TOO, WE HAVE REACHED A  
TURNING POINT. AFTER DECLARATIONS THAT WERE MADE BY THE  
PRESIDENT OF SOUTH KOREA AND REACTION FROM NORTH KOREA,  
IT IS MY IMPRESSION THAT WE HAVE TO SEE THIS QUESTION  
IN NEW LIGHT. I IMAGINE THAT THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE A  
NEW SITUATION WHEN WE DEAL WITH SUBSTANCE OF THIS MATTER.  
END QUOTE  
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